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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week ending August 30, 2009

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 30, 2009**. Grain crop harvesting activities are underway in many areas of the state. Insect problems are being reported in pastures, hay, cotton, and soybeans and producers are working to alleviate the issue. Soil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 08/30/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	100	99	100	99
Corn, mature	96	83	91	93
Corn, harvested	44	15	32	55
Corn Silage, harvested	95	91	89	97
Cotton, setting bolls	100	100	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	22	8	23	48
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	86	83	83	84
Rice, headed	98	95	94	99
Rice, mature	42	14	38	55
Rice, harvested	3	0	2	9
Sorghum, heading	100	100	100	100
Sorghum, coloring	98	94	94	98
Sorghum, mature	72	45	56	85
Sorghum, harvested	4	0	20	50
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	99	100
Soybeans, turning color	47	35	56	74
Soybeans, dropping leaves	22	15	27	56
Soybeans, harvested	4	0	5	32
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	2	0	1	5

Crop condition for week ending 08/30/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	5	15	31	45	4
Cotton	1	7	26	49	17
Hay	0	3	25	51	21
Livestock	3	4	23	54	16
Pasture	1	8	31	45	15
Peanuts	0	0	27	56	17
Rice	0	1	28	45	26
Sorghum	0	1	48	43	8
Soybeans	3	7	25	47	18
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	29	60	11

Comments

“Corn harvest is moving along nicely. Yields are not as good as last year. Cotton insects are still being treated and there is a lot of irrigation water being applied.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Producers have been harvesting hay. Crop producers are preparing for the harvest season.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Armyworms are really getting into the pastures, hayfields, and duck holes. Cool temperatures are slowing everything down. We got more DD60's the first week of August than we got the following two weeks combined.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“A large amount of hay was cut and baled last week. Armyworms have eased up a little. Green boiling peanuts are being harvested. Tillage for ryegrass has begun.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah

“Areas in the county are very dry and in need of rain.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“We are terribly dry with no rain in the forecast. Pastures are short and hay is short. Cattlemen are in a bind! Corn harvest is progressing real good.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Highly unusual cool and wet August weather has producers adjusting their management strategies as fall approaches. Hay is abundant in the north MS area, and ryegrass planting will be slowed due to excessive growth warm season grass pastures.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Corn harvest continues with average yields. Many fields of rice have been drained in preparation for harvest. A few acres of soybeans have been harvested. Most soybeans are later maturing, requiring a continued battle with stink bugs and soybean loopers.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Dry, warm weather has aided harvest this week. All grain crops are being harvested with rice harvest just starting. Some soybeans and cotton are being sprayed for insects.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Corn is yielding significantly below expectations. Soybeans appear on track for good yields, as does cotton.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Armyworms are still a force to be contented with. Winter forage plantings need to be watched real closely for infestations. If you are wondering if fall is near or not - just look at the shortened internodes on forage grasses and you will find your answer. The combination of cooler weather and shortened day-length seems to be accelerating the signs of approaching fall.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Spotty showers around the county provided good rains, but hindered some of the hay baling.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 08/30/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	93	60	77	80	-3	0.03	-0.56	1	0.91				
Clarksdale	89	61	75	79	-4	0.00	-0.56	0	0.92				
Lambert 1W	92	60	75			0.00	-0.70	0	1.10				
Tunica 2N	90	60	76	78	-2	0.00	-0.56	0	1.46				
Extreme/Average	93	60	76	79	-3	0.01	-0.56	0	1.10				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	89	58	75	77	-2	0.02	-0.61	2	1.20				
Calhoun City	87	60	75	78	-3	1.08	0.35	2	2.67				
Hickory Flat	89	55	73	77	-4	0.28	-0.56	1	2.45				
Holly Springs 4N	90	53	72	76	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	1.31				
Independence	88	56	73	77	-4	0.00	-0.71	0	2.27				
Oxford	91	85	75	77	-2	0.00	-0.80	0	1.22				
Water Valley	89	58	75	78	-3	0.00	-0.72	0	1.40				
Extreme/Average	91	53	74	78	-4	0.20	-0.55	1	1.98				
Northeast													
Booneville	89	57	73	77	-4	0.00	-0.77	0	1.96				
Tupelo 2	89	60	76			0.05	0.00	2	4.12				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	87	58	73	78	-5	0.25	-0.50	1	5.59				
Verona	91	58	75	79	-4	0.23	-0.70	1	3.43				
Extreme/Average	91	57	74	78	-4	0.13	-0.62	1	4.38				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	90	59	76	80	-4	3.36	2.80	1	4.58				
Moorhead	91	60	77	80	-3	0.89	0.35	1	2.12				
Rolling Fork	91	59	76	80	-4	1.34	0.78	1	3.09				
Stoneville Exp	93	58	77	80	-3	0.16	-0.31	1	1.03				
Yazoo City 5NNE	89	58	73	80	-7	0.00	-0.70	0	1.57				
Extreme/Average	93	58	76	80	-4	1.15	0.58	1	2.71				
Central													
Canton 4N	90	56	74	80	-6	0.05	-0.61	1	2.63				
Eupora 2E	89	56	74	77	-3	0.25	-0.46	1	1.95				
Forest 3S	90	52	73	79	-6	0.07	-0.84	2	0.94				
Kosciusko	88	59	74	79	-5	1.68	0.96	1	4.49				
Extreme/Average	90	52	74	79	-5	0.51	-0.23	1	2.72				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	90	62	76	78	-2	0.60	-0.07	2	3.08				
Brooksville Exp	91	60	76			0.00	-0.80	0	2.25				
Columbus	93	55	77	79	-2	0.71	-0.13	3	1.89				
Louisville	88	57	73	78	-5	1.50	0.82	1	3.16				
Macon	89	57	75	79	-4	1.44	0.60	3	3.69				
Philadelphia	91	56	74	79	-5	0.89	0.12	1	3.93				
State University	90	56	75	79	-4	0.40	-0.34	2	4.65				
Extreme/Average	93	55	75	79	-4	0.79	0.04	2	3.39				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	89	59	75	79	-4	0.30	-0.68	1	1.92				
Crystal Springs	92	57	76	80	-4	0.31	-0.58	1	2.81				
Natchez	91	58	74	80	-6	0.05	-0.86	1	3.12				
Oakley Exp	93	55	74	79	-5	0.00	-0.84	0	2.84				
Port Gibson 1NE	91	55	74	79	-5	0.00	-0.70	0	0.94				
Vicksburg	89	62	76			0.00	0.00	0	3.18				
Woodville 4 ESE	95	59	77	80	-3	0.00	-1.09	0	1.69				
Extreme/Average	95	55	75	80	-5	0.09	-0.82	0	2.51				
South-Central													
Collins	90	57	74	79	-5	0.20	-0.71	1	2.60				
Columbia	93	61	77	80	-3	0.18	-0.80	1	4.16				
Monticello	92	58	76	80	-4	0.80	-0.08	1	3.92				
Raleigh 6N	90	53	73			0.86	0.00	1	3.38				
Extreme/Average	93	53	75	80	-5	0.51	-0.47	1	3.26				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	91	59	75	81	-6	0.00	-1.05	0	3.25				
Laurel	91	59	75	80	-5	0.00	-0.91	0	2.17				
Newton Exp	92	55	74	79	-5	0.35	-0.48	1	3.23				
Waynesboro 2W	94	61	77	79	-2	0.58	-0.24	1	3.86				
Extreme/Average	94	55	75	80	-5	0.23	-0.61	1	3.13				
Coastal State													
	95	52	75	79	-4	0.41	-0.36	1	2.83				

DFN = Departure from Normal.